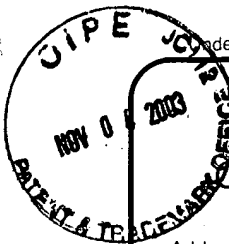


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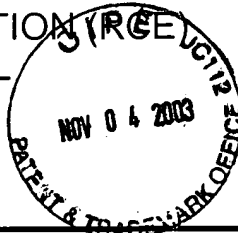
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Application Number	09/977,528
Filing Date	October 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	James Hong
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Jessica R. Baxter
Attorney Docket Number	ACS 57818 (2704X)

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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